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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TH, US

SUBJECT: SHOOTING ATTACK ON THAI EMBASSY

1. THE THAI EMBASSY HAS REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JANUARY 20 AN UNIDENTIFIED AUTOMOBILE STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY ON CATHEDRAL AVENUE N.W. AND THREE SHOTS, PRESUMABLY DIRECTED BY THE OCCUPANTS OF THE VEHICLE, WERE FIRED INTO THE RESIDENCE. ALL OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR UPADIT, WERE ASLEEP, HOWEVER, AND NO ONE WAS HURT. ONE SHOT HIT A STONE FACING, ONE WENT INTO THE FRONT DOOR WOODEN FRAME, AND ONE ENTERED THE DINING ROOM WINDOW, RICOCHETING AROUND THE ROOM. TWO OF THE SLUGS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.

2. THE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED THE FBI IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS REPORT WAS RECEIVED. THEY ARE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION.

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3. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY PUBLICITY ON THE INCIDENT,
AND WE DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE ANY UNLESS SOMEONE OR
SOME GROUP WITH AN AXE TO GRIND STIMULATES PRESS ATTEN-
TION.

4. OUR SPECULATION ON THE PERPETRATORS FOCUSES ON THE
"PATANI UNITED LIBERATION ORGANIZATION", BUT THIS IS
VERY THIN SINCE WE DOUBT THEY HAVE ANY ORGANIZATION IN
THIS COUNTRY. THE FBI WAS INFORMED EARLY THIS MONTH,
AFTER THE RTG WASHINGTON EMBASSY, ALONG APPARENTLY
WITH MOST RTG EMBASSIES IN THE WORLD, RECEIVED A
THREATENING LETTER FROM THE PULO POSTMARKED IRAN.

5. THE THAI EMBASSY'S ATTITUDE CONCERNING THIS INCI-
DENT, AS MANIFESTED BY DCM SUDHEE, SEEMS TO BE ONE OF
CALM RESIGNATION. SISCO

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